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SCHEMES UNDER SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the major schemes and programmes which have been implemented under the small scale industries sector in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands especially after Tsunami and earth quake devastation;

(b) the allocations made for such schemes and programmes during each of the last three years and in the current year and the amount utilised so far;

(c) whether the Government has undertaken any study to know the problems being faced by the small scale sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a) &(b): The promotion and development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) is primarily the function of the respective State Government/Union Territory(UT) Administrations. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the States/UTs by providing supportive measures through schemes/initiative which, interalia, include Prime Minister's Rozgar Yajana (PMRY), Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) and Rural Employment Generation Programmes (REGP), Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programmes (ESDPs), Market Development Assistance Scheme, Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) for technological upgrdatation, Rajiv Gandhi Udyami Mitra Yojana, etc., to enable the MSMEs to access markets, improved infrastructure, better availability of credit, facilities for training and capacity building of entrepreneurs, etc. (Details available on website: http://www.dcmsme.gov.in). The Central schemes /incentives of the Ministry of MSME are not state /UT specific and are implemented uniformly all over the country including in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar. These supportive efforts have resulted in raising the number of micro and small enterprises from 1000 in 2004-05 to 1063 by 2006-07. As an illustration of the efforts made by the Ministry of MSME, during last three years, in Andaman & Nicobar islands i.e, from 2005-06, 430 persons have been trained under Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programmes , 340 applicants have been assisted under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yajana . Under Rural Employment Generation Programme, 4954 persons have been benefited from 2004-05 to December 2007.

(c) &(d): The Government undertakes need based studies, as and when required, and keeps on interacting with the stake holders including associations of micro and small enterprises at different forums and different levels, which, interalia, include the deliberations held during the course of finalizing the Report for the Eleventh Five Year Plan by the Planning Commission. In addition the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006, which has come into force from 2 October 2006, provides for National Board for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (NBSME) comprising members from all sections of the MSMEs which meets quarterly to look into the issues concerning the sector.

Accordingly, to enhance the competitiveness of small scale industries (now known as micro and small enterprises), the Government announced Package for Promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises in Lok Sabha in February 2007, which, inter alia, contains promotional support measures through legislation, credit, fiscal, cluster, technology and quality upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial and managerial training, empowerment of women, Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and strengthening of the data base. Moreover, 10-point initiatives announced under the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme (NMCP) has been announced to be implemented during Eleventh Plan period in industrial clusters in the Public Private Participation (PPP) mode.